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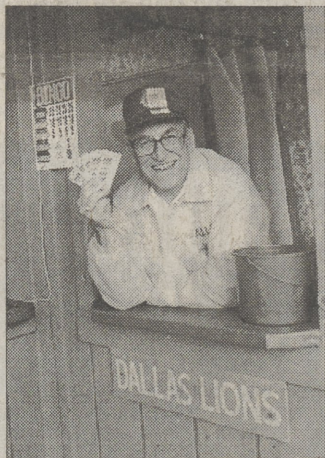
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SEEN AT THE FAIR

The Luzerne County Fair hosted animals and rides, games and food last weekend. Enjoying the funfest, clockwise from right: Rebecca Johnson showed her son Wyatt the trick of milking a goat; Josh and Annie Sorchik at the Zipper, one of the more exciting rides; Dana Yozwiak on her "unicorn," Happy, in the 4-H dress up contest; Frank Rollman, with an offer you can't refuse at the Dallas Lions' booth. More photos on page 7.



POST PHOTOS BY CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK



Surprise vote fails to fill Finn's seat

School Board has 'til Oct. 7 to fill vacancy

By RONALD BARTIZEK
Post Staff

DALLAS TWP. - An unexpected attempt to appoint former school board president to fill a vacancy left by a resigned member failed at Monday night's meeting.

As the last item of business, James Richardson motioned that the board appoint Richard Coslett, who served two terms on the board ending in 1993, and has served as board president. After receiving a second, some board members expressed confusion about the motion. Solicitor Ben Jones explained that because a motion had been offered and seconded, a vote had to be taken. Jones also told board members they had until Oct. 7 to appoint a replacement for Reese Finn, whose letter of resignation had been read earlier in the meeting.

Joe Kunec, who had voted for the motion, then changed his vote to an abstention. The motion then failed to gain the five-vote major-

ity needed for passage. Richardson, John George, Thomas Landon and Ernest Ashbridge voted for Coslett; Maureen Banks, Thom Russ and John Litz voted against.

After the meeting, board president Ernest Ashbridge said Finn's letter appeared at his place at the meeting table during a break between the work session and regular meeting. He did not know who placed the letter, which was in an unmarked envelope, on the table.

Ashbridge said Coslett had expressed interest in the opening, and welcomed his nomination. "I think the board needs someone with experience," he said, pointing out that three current members aren't running for re-election.

Finn was approaching the end of his second year on the board. He has moved to the Raleigh, North Carolina area, and the stationary used for his resignation letter car-

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Developers for zoning, but question lot sizes

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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BACK MOUNTAIN - Although varying zoning regulations in the seven different municipalities here can sometimes cause headaches, local developers believe they are crucial.

As growth continues in the area, developers interviewed by *The Dallas Post* say they support the control municipal zoning ordinances provide.

"It's important to have zoning in a town if you don't want to have a wild west show," said Drew Fitch of R.N. Fitch and Sons, Inc., which has developed Deer Meadow in Dallas Borough and Winterberry in Dallas Township.

John Halbing, who has been in the business for more than 14 years, said, "You have to have growth, but controlled growth." Halbing works primarily in Dallas

"Prime land is getting more and more scarce."

Tony Garbush
Meadowcrest developer

Township. He has developed Northwoods, off 42nd St. and is now building at Preston Hills, off Lake St. in the township.

Although Halbing respects and understands municipal zoning ordinances, he said they should be updated to accommodate today's needs. When Dallas Twp. and most the municipalities here started zoning in the mid-1960's, there were not sewer systems set up, he said.

"Most areas were zoned A-1 agriculture (with large lots) and

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Correction, only Abod ordered to stay away

In the September 3 issue, *The Dallas Post* may have mistakenly implied that both David Abod and James Pugh of Harveys Lake were ordered to stay away from each other for six months by District Justice James Tupper.

Tupper told only Abod to stay away from Pugh. If he cooperates with Tupper's order, a harassment charge against Abod from a May 10 incident will be dropped.

A separate trespassing charge against Abod from a March 22 incident has been bound over to the Luzerne County Court and is awaiting a trial date.

High school senior will get up-close look at DC politics

By JENNIFER JUDGE
Post Correspondent

DALLAS TWP. - Jennifer Vodzak will be headed for Washington, DC this November, and not just to see the sights. The Dallas High School senior has been nominated to attend the National Young Leaders Conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. The six-day conference brings together about 350 high school sophomores and juniors from around the country who are successful in the classroom and show leadership abilities.

Vodzak clearly has both these qualities. She is currently ranked second in her class and has received numerous awards. She earned a science award in her junior year and an English award in her sophomore year. She is a member of the student council, the forensics team, the

American Literature Field Studies Group, and the National Honor Society. Vodzak has been selected for Junior Leadership and Rygiel Studio's Youth Salute. The busy senior tutors Dallas elementary students two days a week, teaches CCD classes at her church, and has taken a college level Calculus class at Wilkes University.

Vodzak first heard about the conference when she was nominated to attend by her art teacher, Claire Morris. "After that, it was pretty much up to me to get all the information together," she recalls. "It looked really interesting. I thought I'd be able to learn a lot about how government works. I'd have a chance to see government

leaders in action and to learn from them."



JENNIFER VODZAK

While in Washington, Vodzak will tour the White House and visit the Smithsonian, between attending conferences and meeting with members of the three branches of government. But she admits she's most looking forward to meeting members of Congress and her own representative, Paul Kanjorski. Vodzak will also participate in a mock Congressional session. "They do mix in some pointers on going to college because it's all juniors and seniors attending," she said.

Vodzak will attend college after graduating from Dallas and hopes for a career in medicine. "I'm looking into psychiatry and business

administration," she said. "I think that being a doctor and starting my own practice takes a lot of leadership skill. I think the conference will help me develop those leadership skills. That will help me in any field I go into."

Jennifer lives in Dallas with her parents, Ann and John, and three sisters. She recognizes the important role her parents have played in her success. "My parents are my biggest supporters in everything I do," she said. "They always encourage me to do my best. My teachers are also very supportive. They've not only inspired me, but quite a few of the kids at Dallas."

Vodzak had to raise \$890 to attend the conference. She received donations from local organizations, her church, Gate of Heaven in Dallas, and individuals, and expressed her gratitude to them all.

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■ Senior leader Sara Kasper is a marked woman on the hockey field, but she's still finding ways to help her team win. Pg 9.

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